

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the final paragraph on page 7, commencing at line 14, continuing to page 8, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

The cleaning element 100 ~~109b~~ can include various other features, mechanisms, and elements, as desired or suitable for particular applications. For example, the head housing 109 can be formed with a grippable opening 112. The opening 112 can serve to accept a user's hand, in order to permit additional cleaning features or elements (later discussed) to be fixed to the housing 109. In any event, the lower portion 104 is rotatable within the housing 109 (and causes gears within the housing 109 to rotate), while the long pole 102 is fixed (non-rotatably) with the housing 109 by virtue of the fixed relation of the long pole 102 to the bristle head 110 via screw threads or otherwise (e.g., the bristle head 110 is snappably attached with the housing 109, so that the housing 109 and bristle head 110 remain in fixed relationship). Moreover, the head housing 109 can include rubber bumpers or other functional or aesthetic features. Rubber bumpers, for example, can facilitate use of the system 100 to prevent marring or scratching of cleaned surfaces and adjacent fixtures or other purposes.

Please replace the first full paragraph, lines 4-10, page 13, with the following amended paragraph:

Still referring to Fig. 4, a mid-portion 313 of the bristle head 110, extending a length of the gear rack 308, is fixed lengthwise with a portion of the gear rack 308. The gear rack 308 is also fixed at respective ends thereof with each of the first extend head 310 and the second extend head 312. The first extend head 310 and the second extend head 312 are pivotally attached to the gear rack 308 ~~30~~ by respective pivot pins 418, 416. The pivot pins 416, 418 can be rivets, screws and washers, or other similar and relatively freely pivoting connectors.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 14, lines 11-22, with the following amended paragraph:

The mid-portion ~~of the~~ 313 of the bristle head includes along an edge thereof, a groove 402. Each of the first extend head 310 and the second extend head 312 include respective ridges 410, 412, along the respective edges thereof. The groove 402 is sized sufficiently to accept the ridge 410 when the first extend head 310 is not extended, and also is sized sufficiently to accept the ridge 412 when the second extend head 412 is not extended. The groove 402 and ridges 410, 412 maintain the entire bristle head 110 in planar alignment to form a generally planar cleaning surface of bristles 118 (when incorporated in the bristle head 110, as shown in Fig. 1). The pivot pins 418, 416 allow the respective first extend head 310 and the second extend head

312 to pivot outwardly, doubling a width of the entire cleaning surface, yet also continuing to maintain the entire bristle head 110 (with extensions) in planar arrangement to for a less deep but still generally planar surface of bristles 118.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 18, lines 10-14, with the following amended paragraph:

Alternately, other similar heads and apparatus can be employed in similar manner with the system 100. Some examples of other functions and implements include a ~~swiffer~~ Swiffer® head (such as, for example, available from Procter & Gamble), a sponge head, a mop head, or other variety of functions and added elements. All may be employed with the system 100 in similar or otherwise easily determined or understood manner.

Please replace the final paragraph on page 17, line 18, through page 18, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Fig. 6, the system 100 can be equipped with a variety of added features for the same or other uses, such as an optional head 600. For example, a squeegee head 602 ~~600~~ can be fixed at the gear rack 308. The squeegee head 602 ~~600~~ includes respective ribbed portions 604, 606. The squeegee head 602 ~~600~~ can be slipped with the ribbed portions 604, 606 along and through grooves formed between the head housing 109 and the bristle head 110. A distance between the ribbed

portions 604, 606 of the squeegee head 602 ~~600~~ is sufficient for passing therebetween the bristles 118 (shown in phantom). The grippable hole 112 of the head housing 109 can serve as a grip for the user in pushing or fitting the head 602 ~~600~~ (or other mechanism). As the squeegee head 600 is passed into place, an eyelet 616 of the squeegee head 602 ~~600~~ can mate with the button 116. This holds the squeegee head 602 ~~600~~ in securement with the system 100. The squeegee head 602 ~~600~~ is fixed with a squeegee blade 608, or other cleaning element as the case may be. A user then can glide the cleaning element, such as the squeegee blade 608, over a surface to perform a varied function with the system 100, such as a fluids squeegee function.